



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary (Year C)

12 October 2025

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

Fr Maurie Cooney (retired)

Parish Catechist

Trish Chaston

Pastoral Care Worker

Loredana Iacobucci

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Office hours

Mon, Tues, Fri 9:30-2:30

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Week Day Masses

Tuesday 6:00p.m. Mass and Novena

Thursday 9:15 a.m.

First Thursday—Healing Mass

Confessions

Thursday 9:45 a.m.

Baptism

Please contact the office.

Weddings

Please contact the office.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Principal: Jenny Rohan

admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au

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FINDING PEACE WITHIN

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

~ Joshua 1:9 ~

World Mental Health Day – October 10

When Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest," He invites us to bring our struggles, worries and heavy hearts to Him. Life can feel overwhelming and sometimes burdens such as stress, sadness, anxiety or loneliness can become too heavy to carry alone.

We are not meant to face these challenges in isolation. Turning to God, sharing our worries in prayer or pausing to trust in His care can bring calm and relief. Just as rest restores the body, God's presence restores the spirit, helping us feel renewed and supported.

Acknowledging our struggles, seeking help and taking time for self-care are all acts of courage. God's invitation reminds us that we are loved, that hope is always possible, and that even in difficult moments, we can find peace, strength and comfort through His care.

** Look for something positive in every day, even if some days you have to look a little harder. **



Lord, be near to those who feel weary, anxious or heavy-hearted. Comfort them with Your gentle care, restore their spirit and fill them with hope. Amen.

Sourced from www.majellan.media

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them:

For those who have died recently :

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Readings next Week

29th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Ex 17:8 -13

Ps120

2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2

Lk 18:1- 8

The Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Parish Ministries

11/12 October

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Carla Jansen, Brian Dubois

Eucharist: Carmel Risson, Glynis Misquitta

Music: Christian Gunawan **Laptop:** Joshua Berketa

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Evelyn Randrup, Kate/Andy Coombs

Eucharist: Peter & Breeda Cleary, Shiny Kurian

Music: Our Lady's Singers **Laptop:** Bob Munro

Children's Liturgy: Ingrid Scott

Morning Tea: Max Lennox & Evelyn Randrup

18/19 October

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Maria Cruz, Brian Dubois

Eucharist: Jayke Beckwith, Kate & Andy Coombs

Music: Guitar Group **Laptop:** Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Angela Lacey, Kerry Peterson

Eucharist: Paula & Jim Corcoran, Sean Peterson

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Jos Vandersman

Children's Liturgy: Jennifer Tolcher

Morning Tea: Glynis Misquitta & Christine O'Leary

Linen: October—Pat Smith

Flowers

Week 1 & 2—Elizabeth & Regina (Polish Community)

Week 3 & 4 — Margaret & Friend (Zomi Community)

Week 5—Glynis & Pol (Filipino Community)

Link for Readings of the Day

<https://universalis.com/>

australia.melbourne/20240301/mass.htm

1st Sunday of the Month—November 2

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—September 28

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm

Filipino Mass 5:00pm

Parish Sacramental Program

For those not attending the Parish School, email
trish.chaston@cam.org.au

Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday during the school term. All school age children are welcome to attend.



Our Lady's Community Fete is coming soon!

Saturday 25th October (please save the date)

Dean and Ingrid will provide regular updates on how to help.

Contact: dean_ingrid@yahoo.com

- **Raffle Tickets** to sell: Parishioners will get their books in the Narthex. If you don't get one we will have extras available.
- If you're good with **plants**, please grow us some!
- **Sponsors & Silent Auction Donations.** If you know any businesses who'd be interested, please contact olringwoodfete@gmail.com
- We would love to hear from anyone who can **volunteer to help** at the fete: set up, pack up or on the day.

Dean (0490 384314) and Ingrid (0401 864388)

Can you bake scones? I need some for the Devonshire Teas! Please contact Ingrid

Please note there will no 5pm mass at Our Lady's on fete day—25th October

Raffle Tickets

Parishioners on the Stewardship/thanksgiving program have been allocated a book of raffle tickets. Please pick up your addressed envelope today. Sold books can be handed into the school or parish office. Feel free to 'post' them in the boxes in the narthex.

Fete Book Stall

Children's books, including picture books, chapter books, teen fiction and young adult fiction are our most popular books. Have your children outgrown their books. By all means keep their favourites as mementoes. But donate the rest to the Fete in the knowledge that other children will get to enjoy them as much as your kids did.

Please drop off your donations at Our Lady's school or the Parish office.



Fete Cake Stall—Pick up a Kit Today!



Time to start thinking about what you can contribute to the Fete Cake Stall. Kits are now available in the narthex with suggestions for delicious goodies to bake. Grab one this weekend! Extra bags, labels and ribbons will be available at the school office if required.

Parish Census

Over the next three weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from next week, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.

Morning Tea

You're invited to stay after 9:30 Mass for a cuppa and chat with fellow parishioners; a good way to grow our community.

Our Lady's Table Tennis— cancelled for two weeks

Due to fete preparations there will be no table tennis on Monday October 13 & 20.

Security Update—Do You Have a Key?

As we are updating security we request that anyone holding a key to the parish, whether it be for church or hall contact the parish office by the end of October before the codes are changed.

October is The Month of the Holy Rosary

The feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary is 7 October. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary.

Child Safety

The Child Safety Officers can be identified by a name tag. They should be a first point of contact for any concerns regarding child safety. Remember we ask that children be accompanied by a parent or older sibling when they leave the church to go to the toilet in the Narthex.

Lifeboat Foundation

For some years, the "Lifeboat Foundation" has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of unwanted cars e.g. from deceased estates, or people relinquishing licence etc., either to give to victims who need them, or selling them to raise funds. You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might donate an unwanted motor vehicle, and (b) identifying someone to assist in the administration of Lifeboat's "Car Donation Project" e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it's not complicated nor overdemanding of time. If you can assist or would like more information about the "Lifeboat Foundation" and/or the "Car Donation Project", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon – frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360.

Lost Property

There are occasions when people may inadvertently leave their possessions in the Church. Could any 'found' property be handed to a Sacristan, into the office or placed on the table next to the newsletters.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Donations are still trickling in with \$91267.70 raised.

Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry

Pastoral care is available @ Our Lady's, if you or someone you know would like to have a chat, please don't hesitate to call me (Loredana) on 0423 313 336 or e-mail loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au.

Everyday Comfort Reflections

"The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience."

Harper Lee—To Kill a Mockingbird

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RINGWOOD CONFERENCE DONATION OPTION

If you wish to donate directly, our Bank Account details are:
A/C Name: SVDP Vic-Conf Gift Account
BSB: 063003 A/C No: 10081787 Ref: Ringwood Conf 447
On behalf of the Conference thank you for your donation.

TIME OUT—DON'T BE LONELY

Come and join our Time-out Group: a few laughs and good company. We meet on the **3rd Wednesdays** of the month for luncheon/meeting at 12 noon in the Narthex. Bring a plate to share and a gold coin donation.

Also join us on:

The **1st Wednesdays**: a dine out lunch at one of the eateries in the area. Phone Allan Jones or Maree to book on 98704831 or 046783051.

The **4th Wednesdays**: "Morning Melodies" at the Dorset Gardens Hotel, Croydon. Meet at 10:00am in the Foyer. \$15 includes morning tea and the show. Contact Lyn Crane on 0438021143

There are two Book Clubs in the area held on the **1st Fridays**: call Merle Smith on 98703517 for details.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People as the traditional custodians of this land and pay respects to their Elders. We acknowledge that this land continues to be sacred to them.

Stewardship Corner

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"
Luke 17:18
Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

<https://resources.archstl.org/article/359120/stewardship-bulletin-inserts>

Supporting the Parish

Through the Stewardship Program, parishioners are asked to pledge a regular amount to the upkeep of the parish. This allows the parish to pay utility bills, insurance premiums, Archdiocese levies, purchase church supplies and pay staff wages. This amount is given as the "Thanksgiving Offering" and placed in the appropriate envelope or given as a direct debit.

To become part of the Stewardship Program, please contact the office for further information on how this can be done or click the link below to take you to the 'donate' page on the parish website and choose how you wish to support the parish.

If you would like to support our Parish via TAP and GO please use the terminals located in the narthex and in the church. All you need to do is to select the amount displayed and tap the terminal with your credit card / debit card / smart phone or smart watch—your contribution will go straight into our Church account.

Any loose cash contributes to the support of the Parish Priest.

If you would like to contribute to the support of our Priests here are the Bank details:

Account name: St Johns Presbytery Account
BSB 083347 ACCT NO. 459 634 437

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month

Parish Finance Council:

Safeguarding Committee: 7:30pm

Time Out: Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

to support our parish click
[HERE](#) or use the QR Code
Please chose where you wish
your
support to go.



St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall

CASH ONLY—Sorry.

The piety stall has available items for Sacraments: stoles, cards, gifts. **Opened:** After 5:00pm Mass Saturday and 9:30 am Mass Sunday. For welfare enquiries please call Vinnies on 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10am –3pm

Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham

Phone: 03 9401 6366 or 0402 330 128

Email: Mitcham@cam.org.au

Website: www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00a.m.

Weekend Mass Times

Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:15am, 5pm

Venue hire— St Johns

Call Manuela at St John's Parish Office for more information. <https://stjohnsmitcham.com.au/venue-hire>

Journey through loss—October 8

Please join us: Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am St John's Parish Office. Gold coin donation welcome.



Faith Formation Night with Fr Maurie Cooney

During the month of October 3 sessions on formation and faith will be held by Fr Maurie Cooney

in the **Narthex**

Gideon (Old Testament Book of Judges) was a believer... and wanted GOD to be clearer about 'being present and active' in life. This is about having a sacramental perspective on life: which is a basic characteristic of our Catholic tradition. Let's explore that in the next in our series of 'Formation in faith. **Monday 6th, 13th and 20th October** from **7pm till 8.30pm** plus 'wind down' and social. All are welcome!

House of Books

Finished your 'to be read pile'! Looking for a good book to read? Visit the House of Books, located at 508 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, next to St. John's Church.

All books, CD's and DVD's have been donated and there are books for every taste, including fiction and non-fiction and an extensive children's section. Prices generally range from \$1-\$5. The Bookshop is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays.

RCIA – St John's and Our Lady's A Journey in Faith

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery. See what the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

Who is Jesus?

Why a Church?

What do you seek?

The Parish RCIA program will commence mid October. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the program please contact the Office on 9401 6366 email: mitcham@cam.org.au.